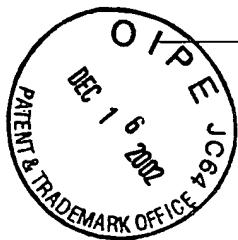


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This paper is responsive to the restriction requirement dated October 21, 2002.

Restriction Requirement

The application stands subject to a restriction requirement. The Examiner has designated Group I to include claims 1-29 drawn to a network access server, classified in class 709, subclass 202; Group II to include claims 30-44 drawn to a home gateway server, classified in class 709, subclass 226.

Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group I. The Group II claims 9-15 are hereby canceled without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the claims of Group II in a divisional application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-1698.

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